



TO: Hospital Advisory Group members and other interested parties
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November 30, 2000 Meeting Summary
12 in attendance

This meeting consisted of two site visits.

1. Our first site visit was to Ray's Recycling just west of Plainfield, a west side suburb of Indianapolis. We toured this medium-sized material recycling facility (MRF). We learned about material handling, marketing the materials and other issues related to recycling. Solid waste management is an important part of a hospital's environmental impact. It was interesting watching how the Ray's employees worked with the various materials and got them ready to be baled or further processed. IDEM thanks Ray's for opening its doors to the Hospital Advisory Group.
2. Our second site visit was to Lighting Resources in Greenwood, an Indianapolis suburb to the south. We viewed a videotape of their processing procedures and then toured the facility. We saw how fluorescent light bulbs are crushed and then sent into the machine for further processing. We then took a look at the mercury retort area. Members of the Hospital Advisory Group and representatives from Lighting Resources then discussed various issues related to lamp recycling, hazardous and universal waste rules and the costs of recycling lamps. All in all, I think we all learned something from the tour. IDEM thanks Lighting Resources for the tour.